

FIVE ELOPING COUPLES VISIT CLAYTON.

Four From St. Louis Differ Widely in Matrimonial Qualifications.

ONE BRIDE IS ONLY SIXTEEN.

Man goes to Convince the Clerk That She Is Old Enough to Be Married.

Yesterday was a busy day in the matrimonial line at Clayton. Ten happy couples, ranging in age from 16 to 35, were united in the Missouri Green Room, where they found clerks and matrimonial advisers and executives waiting to accommodate them with just what they desired.

Four of the couples were from St. Louis, while one of the parties to the fifth ceremony came 100 miles to meet the woman of his choice, who, for her part, had traveled over 200 miles. In only one instance was any of the couples under the required age. Miss Dottie Cousins is only 16 years old, according to the statements of her mother, but she managed to convince the Marriage License clerk that she had already celebrated her nineteenth birthday.

YOUTH AND RELIGION NO BAR.

Rather than wait for a whole year to be wedded, and fearing also that at the expiration of that time religious prejudices would still exist, John W. Deasler and Miss Dottie Cousins went to Clayton yesterday afternoon, where they were married by the Reverend B. H. Charles, pastor of the Clayton Presbyterian Church. They then returned home, but neither had courage to confess the truth to the bride's mother, and it was not until two hours later that the bride admitted that she was married. Mrs. Deasler was then at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Caroline Batchelor of No. 206 Locust street.

The scene at the Batchelor home last night was interesting when it was discovered that a descendant of the family had eloped. When informed of the event by a reporter, Mrs. Batchelor burst into tears and said she was sorry, as her granddaughter was only 16 years old, and was a Methodist, while her husband was a Catholic. This, she thought, should have been sufficient reason for Mrs. Cousins to oppose the match.

While she was talking Mr. and Mrs. Deasler entered and took chairs in an uneasy manner. The bride began to talk about the weather, when her grandmother interrupted and asked if it was true that she had been married.

"Yes, I guess it is," she said, "we were married at Clayton this afternoon by a Presbyterian minister. Mamma does not know yet, although we were joking with her at the supper table about marriage."

"Oh, she knows," Mrs. Cousins continued, "the young bride. We asked her consent last February, and again last April. Both times mamma refused, because she thought I was too young. Last night we were at Forest Park Highlands and concluded we could not wait any longer. Tomorrow night we are going to Kansas City."

At Clayton Mrs. Deasler was even more communicative. She told the Marriage License clerk that she was 19 years old, and to a reporter that her husband had been boarding at her father's home. She said that her husband was an employee of a wholesale grocery firm, and her father, Enoch R. Cousins, was a traveling salesman.

Mr. Cousins is out of the city. His wife did not have time to tell him of the match, she said, although there was a difference of religious opinions, and in addition she considered her daughter entirely too young.

FEARED A CHARIOT.

James Butler, a member of Salvage Corps, No. 1, and Mrs. John J. Butler, widow of a police officer, went to Clayton yesterday afternoon to be married. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. H. Wilson of the Clayton Church. Mrs. Butler is the daughter of Mr. O'Brien, a well-known citizen of Clayton, and her husband was a member of the Clayton Fire Department.

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BRIDE WILL WAIT UNTIL PATERNAL WRATH SUBSIDES.

Carrie Stoner of St. Joseph Elopes to Clayton and Weds Monroe Bush.

BRIDEGROOM FROM GEORGIA.

He Kept the Secret From His Mother—Couple on Their Honey-moon.

Monroe Bush, a traveling salesman, came all the way from Atlanta, Ga., to St. Joseph yesterday to meet and marry Miss Carrie Stoner of Clayton, a suburb of St. Joseph. After meeting at Union Station the young couple went to Clayton, where they were married by Presiding Judge Wilson of the County Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Bush have been sweethearts for two years. They met at a social given in St. Joseph, while Mr. Bush was traveling through that place as a representative of a Chicago supply house.

His courtship did not meet with approval of Miss Stoner's parents, and the young people accordingly decided to get married away from home.

The bride told her father when she departed from St. Joseph night before last that she was going shopping.

Mr. Bush did not give the same reason to his mother when he parted from her in Georgia, but said that he had urgent business affairs awaiting him in Chicago.

The couple departed last night for an Eastern summer resort and, after staying there for a month, will go to Georgia to visit Mr. Bush's mother.

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GEORGE GOULD REFUSES TO PAY COUNT BONI DE CASTELLANE'S DEBTS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Paris, Aug. 27.—(Copyright, 1900, by W. R. Hearst.)—Mr. and Mrs. George Gould of New York, who have been staying in Paris the past week, have gone to visit the Count and Countess de Castellane at their country place, La Marais.

While here the Goulds were besieged by the creditors of the Count. Mr. Gould declined flatly to interfere or assume any responsibility, referring all applicants to Henri Cochard, counsel for the Countess. One of the largest creditors is Wertheim of London, who has written a long letter to Mr. Gould.

"Never will George Gould take the bread out of the mouths of his own children to pay up Count Boni de Castellane's debts."

The statement is made that the Countess has an assured income of half a million dollars annually.

George Gould, it is said, learned that Count Boni spent \$500,000 the first year after his marriage to his wife.

The Goulds intend to go to Oxford after visiting the Castellanes. They will probably return to England next week and then sail for home.

TORTURING DREAMS MADE HIM CONFESS.

Oliver Tomlinson, an Indiana Prisoner, Tells Story of Murder of Frank Lentz.

CHARLES GAINES IMPLICATED.

Latter Admits That His Comrade's Confession, Drawn From Him by Remorse, Is True—Details of the Murder.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 27.—Nearly maddened by a repetition of the scenes attending the murder of his victim, which came to him in visions at night, Oliver Tomlinson, who has been in the Indiana Reformatory at Jeffersonville since July 5, to save him from mob violence, gave way to the strain this morning and confessed to complicity in the killing of Frank Lentz, a farmer, whose home was four miles south of Bedford, Ind.

Tomlinson reserved not one detail of the dastardly deed.

In the presence of Charles Gaines, who is jointly accused, the story was told by Tomlinson. Gaines, no longer able to conceal his emotion, buried his face in his hands, dropped to his knees, and cried out:

"It is all true. I cut his throat."

"On Wednesday, June 27," said Tomlinson, "Gaines and I met near my father's home, and planned to rob Frank Lentz's apple brandy distillery, one and one-half miles from Frank Lentz's home, which was four miles south of Bedford and just across White River. We procured a number of empty jugs and bottles and planted them in the woods near Lentz's."

"Saturday night, June 29, at 10 o'clock, Gaines and I met at Lentz's gate. Gaines went into the stable and hitched up Lentz's horse and buggy. I stood guard outside. Gaines came driving out. He was on the right side of the buggy. As he turned the horse to let me climb into the buggy, and I was walking behind the rear wheels, a man came riding up on a bicycle. I recognized him as Lentz."

"I ordered Lentz to halt. Lentz got off his wheel. He was within fifteen feet of the buggy. I told him to come no nearer. Lentz approached. Again I warned him. Still he pressed toward me. I shot. Lentz fell to the right, clutching at the gate post. I tried to fire again, but my revolver did not work. Lentz, who had fallen, arose and stood on his hands, which he buried at us."

"Then I grabbed Lentz, but he was the stronger and bigger man, and was getting the upper hand. I let go of him, and the buggy, seized Lentz by the hair just over the forehead, pulled his head back and cut his throat from ear to ear."

"At this point in Tomlinson's confession Gaines cursed 'it's a shame' and 'it's a shame' and Tomlinson pretended not to hear, and resumed:

"Then we got into the buggy, drove two miles south and abandoned the rig. We turned the horse toward home, and there it was found the next morning beside its owner. We crossed a field to a lake, took off our clothes, and hid them in the bushes. Then we separated, each going home."

"That is all, Judge Martin may have no mercy on us, but I have spoken the truth."

Three Victims of a Quarrel Among Negroes.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Aug. 27.—A triple murder occurred Sunday on Cooper's Island, near English, this county, as a result of a quarrel among negroes.

Sunday morning Jerry Johnson and Harry Winley culminated a quarrel in a shooting affray, and Winley fell dead from Johnson's bullet. Matthew Overton was accidentally struck on the head by Johnson's rifle, and he fell dead. Johnson then fled, and it seemed that the riot was over.

Sunday morning a jury was summoned and returned a verdict that the men had met death at Johnson's hands.

Jerry McGinnis testified that Johnson used a gun owned by a negro named Oscar Wilson.

Sunday night some one went to McKinley's home, stole into the room where he slept, and emptied a Winchester rifle into the innocent sleeper's head, sending him to pieces. Wilson is supposed to have committed the deed because McKinley's testimony implicated him in the trouble.

An effort is being made to capture Johnson and Wilson.

PORTO RICAN CURRENCY.

Exchange for United States Money Practically Completed.

Washington, Aug. 27.—Mr. James Sample, chief of the division of issue, Treasury Department, who was one of the special agents sent to Porto Rico by the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange United States money for Porto Rican silver coin, has returned to the city and reports that the original sum of \$600,000 in Porto Rican silver supposed to have been in circulation on the island, all but about \$50,000, has been exchanged, and arrangements have been perfected by which facilities for the exchange will continue for an indefinite period.

In an interview today, Mr. Sample said that business throughout the island was fairly prosperous, with good prospects for the future. The sugar crop is said to be very good, and the coffee crop above the average.

News About Stamps.

An innovation in the postal service which is sure to be of great convenience to all classes is a plan lately adopted by the department of stamps to place in the hands of the public a book containing the names of the stamps, with wax seals between the stamps. The Government is to charge one cent for the book additional to the amount of stamps contained therein, and stamps as it may seem, it is estimated that the book will cost about \$200,